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In Re Application Of: Kester Lijen Fong, et al. Serial No: 09/534,703 Filed: March 24, 2000 Title: METHOD OF ADMINISTERING SOFTWARE COMPONENTS USING ASYNCHRONOUS MESSAGING IN A MULTI-PLATFORM, MULTI-PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE ENVIRONMENT	Confirmation No: 2510 Examiner: John Q. Chavis Art Unit: 2124 Atty. Docket No.: 10991522-1 **RECEIVED** APR 2 3 2004 Technology Center 2100

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AMENDMENT B & RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action of February 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.